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## U.S. Embassy Jakarta Mission Statement

The U.S. Mission partners with Indonesia to strengthen the bonds between our people and our governments to promote and protect democracy, security, and sustainable prosperity for our people, the region, and the world.

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## ROBERT O. BLAKE AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE U.S. EMBASSY JAKARTA, INDONESIA



Ambassador designate Robert O. Blake, Jr. arrived November 21 in Jakarta.

Previously, Ambassador designate Blake served as Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs from 2009-2013. He also served as Ambassador

to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Republic of Maldives from 2006 to 2009. Prior to

that, Ambassador Blake served in India, Tunisia, Algeria, Egypt, and Nigeria as well as holding several positions at the State Department in Washington DC. He received a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.A. from John Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Source: <http://goo.gl/AP6qSL>

### Related Links:

Introducing Robert Blake, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia (Video).

Link : <http://youtu.be/m7WIDSOMDT4>

All about U.S. Embassy Jakarta

Link: <http://jakarta.usembassy.gov/index.html>

## WORLD AIDS DAY (DECEMBER 1, 2013)



The global fight against AIDS is a shared responsibility; donor nations, country partners, multilateral organizations, the private sector, civil society — including faith-based organizations — all have a role to play in the HIV/AIDS response.

### Shared Responsibility to Strengthen Results for an AIDS-Free Generation

Since taking office, President Obama and his Administration have taken enormous steps to address the HIV epidemic, both domestically and globally. This World AIDS Day, we remember those lost to this epidemic, and reflect on the progress of the past year to prevent HIV infections, improve the health of people living with HIV worldwide, and address HIV stigma and discrimination. Earlier this year, PEPFAR celebrated its tenth anniversary. Domestically, we are refocusing our efforts to lower new HIV infections, improve health outcomes, and reduce disparities. In July, President Obama signed an Executive Order to launch the HIV Care Continuum Initiative, the next step in implementing the National HIV/AIDS Strategy.

Find more on the National HIV/AIDS Strategy at <http://goo.gl/rq9XKt>

### HIV AIDS Related Resources from eLibraryUSA

**AIDS (Teen Health & Wellness):** Teen Health & Wellness has an article about AIDS in its Diseases, Infections, and Conditions section.

**AIDS (Disease) (National Geographic):** Searching National Geographic for AIDS (Disease) gives a list of articles the magazine has published about AIDS and HIV.

**HIV and AIDS (CQ Researcher):** In CQ Researcher, under Browse Topics, click on Health to access reports about HIV and AIDS. These reports track progress in fighting the disease worldwide.

**Human Trafficking (Global Issues In Context):** Its offers coverage of the issue of human trafficking

**Human Trafficking (Filmmakers Library Online):** It has documentaries about various aspects of AIDS and HIV. Click on Topics, then Health.

### Related Links:

- Facing AIDS (<http://facing.aids.gov/>)
- HIV/AIDS Home (CDC/ <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/>)
- AIDSInfo (NIH/ <http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov/>)
- HIV/AIDS (WHO/ <http://www.who.int/hiv/en/>)

**Note:** Please contact IRC Jakarta to get a training and an individual account to eLibraryUSA.

## DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE

**1. 2013 Public Officials of the Year/** By Governing News Staff. Governing, December 2013

This year's nine Public Officials of the Year know the value of using government to help citizens. These men and women have each dedicated their careers to ensuring that no one is forgotten or left behind. They've revolutionized health care, imagining it not just as a system for delivering medical procedures but as a way to truly help improve lives through healthier communities. (And they're doing it light-years beyond federal health insurance reforms.) They've used sound management and cutting-edge data to make sure government programs are working for those who need them the most. They've pioneered innovative programs to help break the cycle of poverty. They've put aside party politics to enact bold new measures. And when tragedy hits, they've been there to connect residents with the help they needed. Through their continued commitment to creating new opportunities and improving government, these nine officials have demonstrated the true power of public service. We're grateful for their outstanding leadership, and we're proud to honor their inspiring achievements. Read their profiles at <http://goo.gl/3rtSO9>

**2. The Continuing Challenge of Democracy in the Americas/** By Eric Farnsworth. The Washington Quarterly, Winter 2013.

U.S. policy toward the Americas is at a crossroads: its regional influence is waning and its strategic thinking has essentially collapsed. Washington continues to give lip-service to a united hemisphere based on democratic values, but the region has moved on, requiring a more varied policy. U.S. influence is waning in the Americas. Although Washington is currently engaged in a well-intentioned effort to reverse this trend, its agenda will have only limited impact over the longer term unless the United States changes the lens through which it views the region. Strategic thinking has essentially collapsed. After the fall of the Soviet Union, the international relations community in the United States moved on, leaving regional studies to development and social inclusion advocates. At the point in history when the United States should be reaping the reward of years of patient investment and hard work building democratic institutions and open markets in the region, we have either doubled down on, or pivoted to, other parts of the world. Now, instead, the United States must refocus its perspective within the region, or else its traditional leadership role will continue to erode. Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean are neither charity cases nor default partners in international affairs. It is time for a less romantic, more realistic approach to the Americas. Currently available online at <http://goo.gl/plnKRq>

## ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**3. Cyberwar and Peace: Hacking Can Reduce Real-World Violence/** By Thomas Rid. Foreign Affairs, November-December 2013.

Cyberwar Is Coming!" declared the title of a seminal 1993 article by the RAND Corporation analysts John Arquilla and David Ronfeldt, who argued that the nascent Internet would fundamentally transform warfare. The idea seemed fanciful at the time, and it took more than a decade for members of the U.S. national security establishment to catch on. But once they did, a chorus of voices resounded in the mass media, proclaiming the dawn of the era of cyberwar and warning of its terrifying potential. In February 2011, then CIA Director Leon Panetta warned Congress that "the next Pearl Harbor could very well be a cyberattack." And in late 2012, Mike McConnell, who had served as director of national intelligence under President George W. Bush, warned darkly that the United States could not "wait for the cyber

equivalent of the collapse of the World Trade Centers." Fill in the request form for at page 4 for full text of the article.

**4. Google's Original X-Man: A Conversation With Sebastian Thrun/** By Sebastian Thrun, Foreign Affairs, November-December 2013.

Sebastian Thrun is one of the world's leading experts on robotics and artificial intelligence. Born in Solingen, Germany, in 1967, he received his undergraduate education at the University of Hildesheim and his graduate education at the University of Bonn. He joined the computer science department at Carnegie Mellon University in 1995 and moved to Stanford University in 2003. Thrun led the team that won the 2005 DARPA Grand Challenge, a driverless car competition sponsored by the U.S. Defense Department, and in 2007, he joined the staff of Google, eventually becoming

## FREE PUBLICATION OUTLINE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT



- The Constitution: An Enduring Document
- Washington and the Constitutional Convention
- The Bill of Rights and The Debate Over Slavery
- Explaining the Constitution: the Federalist Papers
- The Executive Branch: Powers of the Presidency
- The Presidency and The Cabinet
- The Legislative Branch: The Reach of Congress
- The Committee System and Oversight Powers of Congress
- The Judicial Branch: Interpreting the Constitution
- Landmark Decisions of the Supreme Court
- A Country of Many Governments
- Government of the People: The Role of the Citizen
- Political Parties and The Media

Available at <http://goo.gl/bsEiGF>

the first head of Google X, the company's secretive big-think research lab. He co-founded the online-education start-up Udacity in 2012. In late August, he spoke to Foreign Affairs editor Gideon Rose in the Udacity offices. To get the full text article, fill in the request form at page 4.

**5. Ocean Sustainability: U.S. Perspectives.** Remarks by Kerri-Ann Jones. State.gov., December 2013.

The United States, like many countries, has an intimate connection to the oceans. Our economy and our identity are firmly embedded in our ocean heritage and resources. As recognized in our National Ocean Policy, America's stewardship of the oceans is intimately linked to our national prosperity, the health and well-being of our people and of our environment, and our foreign policy. Read more at <http://goo.gl/p6iDTZ>

## ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

### 6. Americans Are Living Better Than They Have at Any Point in Human History

/By Doug Bandow. CATO Institute, November 2013

Hans Riegel recently died at age 90. He was not a household name, even in his home country of Germany. But he changed the world for the better. He brought us gummi bears. Of course, life would go on without the gelatinous fruit-flavored candies. Nevertheless, Riegel gave pleasure to millions of people. His father concocted the precursor to the bear candies in 1923. After the latter's death, Riegel *filis* became the master marketer for Haribo, his father's candy firm. At his death Riegel was estimated to be worth \$3 billion. "Human creativity and ingenuity—punctuated with a mix of luck and hard work—constantly transform our lives, leaving us far better off as a result."

Read more at <http://goo.gl/Pco4yk>

### 7. Is Capitalism in Trouble?/ By Chrystia Freeland. The Atlantic, December 2013

CEOs are growing nervous. On a Wednesday in mid-September, some 30 entrepreneurs from around the world put on boots and blue jeans and spent four hours digging out Namaste Solar, a solar-power company in Boulder, Colorado, from under three feet of mud. The international cleanup crew was in town for the annual conference of B Lab, a global organization of for-profit businesses (known as B Corps) that choose to legally bind themselves to meeting social and environmental objectives. Namaste Solar is one of the world's 830 certified B Corps, and after flooding of near-Biblical proportions, some assembled peers decided to lend a hand. Read more at <http://goo.gl/T0nbk8>

### 8. Google's Road Map to Global Domination/

By Adam Fisher. New York Times Magazine, December 2013

In his weekly address, President Obama discusses progress in American energy and highlights that we are now producing more oil at home than we buy from other countries for the first time in nearly two decades. We reached this milestone in part not only because we're producing more energy, but because we're wasting less energy, and as a result, we are also reducing our carbon emissions while growing the economy. That's a big deal. That's a tremendous step towards American energy independence. Complete remark is available at <http://goo.gl/Pgm21i>

## U.S. EDUCATION, SOCIETY AND VALUES

### 9. The Christmas Tradition in America/ By

Michael Friedman, IIP Digital, 12 December 2011

Washington — Christmas, celebrated by most Christians on December 25, commemorates the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Americans, like many of the world's peoples, have developed their own Christmas traditions and observances, and these have changed greatly over time. Today, most Americans blend religious and secular customs with their own family traditions. Read more: <http://goo.gl/3rPw6l>

### 10. Hip-Hop: From the Streets to the Main-

stream/ IIP Digital Pamphlet, 21 November 2013

Hip-hop is more than just music. The term encompasses a whole culture, and that helps explain how it has become one of the most influential elements shaping global entertainment and youth self-expression. All over the world, hip-hop is a tool for explaining the complexities of daily life and speaking truth to power, whether through spoken lyrics, graffiti art, dance or disc jockey mastery. Complete journal is available at <http://goo.gl/vMI9SL>

### 11. How Americans Value Public Libraries in Their Communities/ By Kathryn

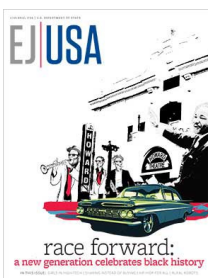
Zickuhr, Lee Rainie, Kristen Purcell and Maeve Duggan. Pew Internet, December 2013

Americans strongly value the role of public

libraries in their communities, both for providing access to materials and resources and for promoting literacy and improving the overall quality of life. Most Americans say they have only had positive experiences at public libraries, and value a range of library resources and services. Some 90% of Americans ages 16 and older said that the closing of their local public library would have an impact on their community, with 63% saying it would have a "major" impact. Asked about the personal impact of a public library closing, two-thirds (67%) of Americans said it would affect them and their families, including 29% who said it would have a major impact. Read more at <http://goo.gl/IG4s64>

### 12. Race Forward — A New Generation

Celebrates Black History/eJournal USA, IIP Digital, December 2013.



Twenty-four adults packed into a small room for their lesson. They came from Kazakhstan, Bolivia, Thailand and Mauritania, among other countries. Some had only been in the United States for a week.

First, they practiced reading and pronunciation by repeating lines from a book. Then they matched definitions with vocabulary words like "stereotype," an

often untrue judgment about groups of people or things sharing a particular trait. The students also learned how deceptive expressions like "bringing home the bacon" and "breadwinner" don't describe food, but rather people who earn money to support their families. Learning English improves their odds of finding work and adjusting to U.S. culture, but it is worth more than that. Knowing the language gives them a voice in an unfamiliar place. Read more the newest stories in our pages. From girls who code to civil rights leaders of yesterday and today, these are stories of people growing from the challenges placed before them. Available online at <http://goo.gl/fcpW4K>

### 13. How Do You Get Poor Kids to Apply to Great Colleges?/By Nancy Hass. Smithsonian magazine, December 2013

Caroline Hoxby and her team of researchers are revolutionizing the way the best colleges reach out to talented low-income students. The information packet, which grew out of two landmark studies she published in the last year, is the crowning achievement of her two decades as the country's leading educational economist. This September, her idea was rolled out nationally by the College Board, the group that administers the SAT. Now, every qualified student in the nation receives that packet. In a world where poverty and inequality seem intractable, this may be one problem on the way to being solved. Read more at <http://goo.gl/HJ9p1v>



## ABOUT INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER

### GENERAL INFO

The Information Resource Center (IRC) is a sophisticated state-of-the-art research facility and information service at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta. Our goal is to provide you with accurate and authoritative information about diverse aspects of the United States as well as global topics of interests through access to extensive commercial online databases and the updated collections of books, periodicals, movie, music, audio books and games (check our collection titles via our online catalog at: <http://goo.gl/xvDgdE>).

Our professional reference specialists are trained to assist users to conduct library research as well as to retrieve information quickly and conveniently. We also conduct regular programs on English language learning, study in the U.S./EducationUSA advising, information literacy classes, presentation/ discussion/ workshop events and movies/ gaming activities. All services, facilities and programs are available for free to the general public.

With one day appointment in-advanced, public are welcomed to visit us on weekdays from 08.00 AM to 04.00 PM. The IRC is closed on Indonesian and American Holidays (check the list of holidays at: <http://goo.gl/Y99he>)



IRC booth at Paramadina University on November 09, 2013; IRC Creative Writing Class on November 6, 2013 and IRC Thanksgiving program with students of Tourism Academy of Trisakti and AKPINDO, November 28, 2013

### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

#### January 2014

- ◆ 3rd week of January 2014  
IRC Movie Screening and Discussion.
- ◆ January 24, 2014  
IRC English Learning: Creative English writing. Facilitator: Information Resource Officer of the U.S. Embassy Jakarta
- ◆ 4th week of January 2014  
IRC Literacy Session: eLibraryUSA database training. Facilitator: IRC librarian.

#### February 2014

- ◆ February 3-14, 2014  
American Film Festival

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